



Sydney Women's Rugby Union Incorporated



Annual Report 2013

SYDNEY WOMEN'S RUGBY UNION INC.

**Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Women's Rugby Union Inc.
Held Wednesday 12 February 2014 at the Union Office at 6pm**

Agenda

- 1.0 Present/Apologies
- 2.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM held 13 February 2013
- 3.0 Chairman's Report
- 4.0 Receive annual report (including finances)
- 5.0 Elections
- 6.0 General Business

Cover photos: The National Champions Sydney & Michelle Bailey in action for Sydney at the National Championships



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly congratulations to Warringah for their successful 2013 back to back grand final win 20 v 11 over Parramatta. Seven premierships in ten years for Warringah especially the past two were impressive outcomes not being minor premiers. Parramatta had a tremendous season with a record number of wins and it was a shame that there had to be a loser on August 31st. Parramatta have had high player participation at every competition with strong management support from their President, Moana of course and her Wallaby brother Tatafu Polota Nau down which was demonstrated at the well organised Granville semi finals. Grand final success will deservedly come to Parramatta soon.

Finals are wonderful games with a genuine competition between coaching strategies, player physicality, maturity, youth and sheer determination for the 80 minutes. The winner is Women's 15s rugby. Unfortunately with the player participation weaknesses in the ACT, Hunter and Sydney further consideration must be given to a broader competition to refresh all regions and to improve playing standards hopefully from 2014 if we are to be competitive in future WRWC's. This can also open up opportunities towards grand final winners from different states playing each other and even entry into the New Zealand ITM competition.

The competitive spirit of Rockdale winning the Mudgee 7s and improvement at Penrith were very impressive. Many young players were the product of 7s development and the ARU are to be congratulated for this pathway and for scheduled 7s development which is ultimately leading players into 15s rugby. The 15s Sydney competition was enhanced with the inclusion of interstate elite 7s players moving into Sydney and with Sydney the centre of 7s rugby in the future many more players will have the opportunity of representing Australia in both forms of the game from within the Sydney competition. The avoidable conflicting 7s camps scheduling during 15s finals needs to change and this will no doubt happen from 2014 with the additional support for Women at the ARU.

Congratulations to those many Sydney players from all clubs for their selection in the two National 7s NSW teams last April at Riverview. Much was learnt by the committee, coaches and players for next year which will be held in Canberra in March and we look forward to an early preparation and hopefully selection of more players into the elite 7s training squad.

After an absence of two years the season disappointment was the ARU's National's 15s September dates over two and a half days, with a reduced number of invited teams. It had never been easy with the ARU, but this lack of consultation was close to the worst. Fortunately dialogue has now improved so all stake holders can better plan for 2014. The scheduling with a 7s camp the same week has weakened the status of this tournament and our Sydney team even though they were successful 22 v 3 over a weakened Queensland team were also missing 7s players who wanted to play and to be seen for



WRWC 15s selection.

On the positive side the appointment of John Wilson as national Women`s consultant has been inspirational from Bill Pulver. John together with Kerry Chikarovski NSWWRU chairperson and board member of the NSWRU have the respect within the ARU and 2014 will see their influence come through at all age levels which will show a progressive return towards our 2003 peak with both 15s and 7s competitions.

Thanks again to Mark Green for all his support from NSWRU. Our Sydney President Erin Morton and her committee of Majorie Spooner- O`Neill, Amanda Babet, Sandy Tau and Elizabeth Wolfgramm for their contributions during the season. In closing I would also like to thanks all those that supported Diana Auvae following her serious leg operation post the grand final including the Bayfield family owners of the Newport Arms , sponsors of Warringah for their free accommodation for Diana`s sister Nia and mother.

Best Regards,

Graeme Holland

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The representative season of 2013 was both successful and exciting. The season began with 2 NSW 7s teams representing the state and our competition at the ARU National's at Riverview. Two great sides were selected to compete at what was to be a very competitive Nationals. The teams were;

NSW Blue

Alexandra Hargreaves, Sydney Uni
Hanna Sio, Parramatta
Jessica Palmer, Warringah
Cheryl McAfee, Warringah
Tui Ormsby, Warringah
Shontelle Stowers, Warringah
Tiana Pentiani, Maroubra
Lakeisha Tipene, Rockdale
Cobie-Jane Morgan, Warringah
Pareake O'Brien, Southern Districts
Kiia Parata, Rockdale
Tayma Terita, Rockdale

NSW White

Alexandra Sulusi, Parramatta
Ariana Kaiwai, Penrith Phoenix
Megan Shanahan, Orange Emus
Mel Howard, Hamilton
Kenina Terita, Rockdale
Emma Lincoln-Smith, Warringah
Hayley Tipene, Rockdale
Margaret Watson, Newcastle Uni
Katherine Lew, Northern Suburbs
Amelia Jackson, Northern Suburbs
Mahalia Murphy, Penrith Phoenix
Tahlia Smith, Northern Suburbs

It was a tough tournament over 2 days with NSW Blue finishing runners up in the Bowl competition and NSW White finishing runners up in the Plate.

Congratulations to all players who went on to be selected into the Aussie 7s squad.

Results and article can be found here -

<http://www.rugby.com.au/sevens/News/NewsArticle/tabid/1754/ArticleID/8843/ACT-claims-second-annual-National-Womens-Sevens-Championship.aspx>

2013 also saw a 15s ARU National's run at Riverview College. The tournament was being used by the ARU to select a squad for the 2014 World Cup in Paris. Sydney Women's Rugby selected a team to compete at these National's with a plan in mind to win the tournament and ensure our Sydney players have every chance to show their worth to the National selectors. The below players were selected to represent Sydney Womens Rugby Union at the tournament;

Tuainekore Ina Mata, Sydney Uni
Wellie Clark, Sydney Uni
Danielle Meskell, Warringah
Chris Ross, Warringah
Michelle Bailey, Sydney Uni
Ariana Kaiwai, Penrith
Simaima Taufa, Parramatta
Victoria Latu, Parramatta



Cobie-Jane Morgan, Warringah
Tui Ormsby, Warringah - Captian
Mahalia Murphy, Penrith
Hanna Sio, Parramatta
Kenina Terita, Rockdale
Patricia Raikadroka, Parramatta
Ashleigh Hewson, Sydney Uni
Sarah Laman, Warringah
Emily Robinson, Warringah
Lilin Tay, Warringah
Chloe Butler, Parramatta
Alexandra Sulusi, Parramatta
Hariata Ahipene, Warringah
Kiia Parata, Rockdale
Lakeisha Tipene, Rockdale

The players played 3 matches over 2 days winning them all well and qualifying for the final against QLD. The final was played at a fantastic level and Sydney triumphed over QLD 22-3. All results can be found at the below link.

<http://myrugby.rugby.com.au/myrugby/competitions/external/drawresult.asp?comp=9965&OrgID=000001>

After the tournament a squad of players was selected in the training squad. Congratulations to the following players and good luck to all for season 2014.

Tuainekore Ina Mata (Sydney University, SYD)
Sarah Laman (Warringah, SYD)
Victoria Latu (Parramatta, SYD)
Ashleigh Hewson (Sydney University, SYD)
Mahalia Murphy (Penrith, SYD)
Chloe Butler (Parramatta, SYD)
Danielle Meskell (Warringah, SYD)
Emily Robinson (Warringah, SYD)
Michelle Bailey (Sydney University, SYD)
Simaima Taufa (Parramatta, SYD)
Kenina Terita (Rockdale, SYD)
Patricia Raikadroka (Parramatta, SYD)
Tui Ormsby (Warringah, SYD)

Erin Morton

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SWRU Representative Program Officer



MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

Graeme Holland	5/5
Erin Morton	5/5
Marjorie Spooner-O'Neill	4/5
Amanda Babet	5/5
Sandy Tau	3/5
Elizabeth Wolfgram	1/5

CLUB SEASON RESULTS

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DF	PTS
Parramatta	15	13	1	1	559	105	454	66
Sydney University	15	11	2	2	409	187	222	56
Warringah	15	9	1	5	510	208	302	47
Rockdale	15	6	0	9	330	340	-10	28
Penrith	15	3	0	12	199	588	-389	9
Waverley	15	1	0	14	73	652	-579	3

FINALS RESULTS

GRAND FINAL

Jack Scott Memorial Shield

Warringah 20 def Parramatta 11

SEMI FINALS

Parramatta 34 def Rockdale 10

Warringah 34 def Sydney University 29

Most Improved Club Shield – Rockdale



FINANCIALS

